

111TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3362

To amend the Clean Air Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to provide competitive grants to publicly funded schools to implement effective technologies to reduce air pollutants (as defined in section 302 of the Clean Air Act), including greenhouse gas emissions, in accordance with that Act.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 13, 2010

Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mrs. BOXER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Sustainable Schools
5 Pollution Reduction Act of 2010”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS POLLUTION REDUCTION**
 2 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

3 Section 105 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7405)
 4 is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(f) SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS POLLUTION REDUC-
 6 TION GRANT PROGRAM.—

7 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

8 “(A) ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; SECONDARY
 9 SCHOOL.—The terms ‘elementary school’ and
 10 ‘secondary school’ have the meanings given the
 11 terms, respectively, in section 9101 of the Ele-
 12 mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
 13 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

14 “(B) ELIGIBLE SCHOOL.—The term ‘eligi-
 15 ble school’ means—

16 “(i) a public elementary school or a
 17 public secondary school; or

18 “(ii) a school district that encom-
 19 passes a public elementary school or a pub-
 20 lic secondary school.

21 “(C) PROGRAM.—The term ‘program’
 22 means the sustainable schools pollution reduc-
 23 tion program established by paragraph (2)(A).

24 “(2) PROGRAM.—

25 “(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is estab-
 26 lished within the Environmental Protection

1 Agency a sustainable schools pollution reduction
2 program.

3 “(B) GRANTS.—

4 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out
5 the program, for each of fiscal years 2011
6 through 2015, the Administrator shall pro-
7 vide competitive grants to eligible schools
8 for use in implementing effective tech-
9 nologies to reduce air pollutants, including
10 greenhouse gas emissions.

11 “(ii) CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF
12 GRANTEES.—The Administrator shall pro-
13 vide criteria for selection for grants under
14 the program, including criteria that en-
15 sure—

16 “(I) implementation of clean
17 technologies that reduce air pollution
18 and greenhouse gas emissions, and
19 offer additional benefits, such as—

20 “(aa) reduction of water
21 consumption or water pollution;

22 “(bb) promotion of distrib-
23 uted renewable energy tech-
24 nologies, such as solar, small-
25 scale or community-scale wind,

1 geothermal, biomass, and other
2 energy technologies; or

3 “(cc) demonstration of new
4 and innovative technologies; and

5 “(II) prioritization of projects
6 that provide opportunities for student
7 involvement in the project to be fund-
8 ed, including—

9 “(aa) project installation;

10 “(bb) project data moni-
11 toring; and

12 “(cc) incorporation of the
13 project into classroom curricula.

14 “(iii) CATEGORIES OF GRANTS AND
15 MATCHING FUNDS.—Of the grant funds
16 provided under the program—

17 “(I) not less than 40 percent
18 shall be provided in amounts not to
19 exceed \$50,000 for each grant, with
20 no required matching share; and

21 “(II) the remaining funds shall
22 be provided—

23 “(aa) in amounts of not less
24 than \$50,000 but not to exceed
25 \$100,000 for each grant, with a

1 required non-Federal share of 20
2 percent; and

3 “(bb) in amounts that ex-
4 ceed \$100,000 but not to exceed
5 \$200,000, with a required non-
6 Federal share of 50 percent.

7 “(C) REPORTS.—Not later than 18 months
8 after the date on which funds are made avail-
9 able to carry out this subsection, and annually
10 thereafter, the Administrator shall submit to
11 Congress a report evaluating the implementa-
12 tion of the program, including, at a minimum,
13 a description of—

14 “(i) the number of grant applications
15 received;

16 “(ii) the number of grants funded, in-
17 cluding the amount of each grant funded;

18 “(iii) the types of technologies funded;
19 and

20 “(iv) the environmental, educational,
21 and financial benefits to eligible schools re-
22 ceiving the grants.

23 “(D) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
24 TIONS.—There are authorized to be appro-
25 priated to carry out this subsection such sums

1 as are necessary for each of fiscal years 2011
2 through 2015.”.

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